Groton. March 17. 1837. Friday evening.

My Dearest Debora, I believe I wrote to you the 4th of this month. Sunday I went to church in the forenoon & heard Mr Phelps, but as it was stormy none of us went out in the afternoon. I wrote to Harvey in the evening & almost paralysed my brain in thinking of arguments wherewith to enforce good advice. Monday. Town meeting; all up in arms here voting. Ben Lawson called in the afternoon. Brother Grosvenor & Deacon Pierce of Littleton took tea here. Then Mr G started for Littleton to lecture. Tuesday I called on Mrs Robinson who was out, then upon Mrs Dix who was in & who received me gladly. I walked down there, but the Dr came for me. You know he has failed & they have moved in Mr D's store opposite the Post office. He is a brother of Mr Dix what married Mrs Riddell's daughter. Wed. Bro Woodbury called here before breakfast. I really cannot help liking him. Rev Mr Sanderson the Baptist minister called also. Had a letter from Lucia, the first direct news I have had from home. Thursday, though the rain was pouring, the Dr determined to go to Littleton to hear whether Mr Grosvenor knew how to lecture & I determined to go & meet with the Groton sisters & lay our plans in Boston, before them. So the Dr carried me up to Mrs Rugg's by 1 o'clock when he went to L. The weather was so bad that only 10 were there. Mrs Rugg read in the Bible & Miss Capell prayed. Mrs R read the most denouncing chapter she could find, & stopped to apply it to the Southern clergy. They then stated that "Miss Weston from Boston would now make a few remarks." I accordingly explained the whole matter. Having previously talked the matter over with Mrs R. she was all prepared to offer a resolution that the Groton Society would aid us which was passed. I then by request, read the piece from the Liberator about the Female Convention and Mrs Rugg then offered a resolution approving that. I not choosing to wait, till Dr G returned, was brought home by a Mr Hartwell who came for his sisters. I knit for the Society all the afternoon, & they employed themselves in making needlebooks &c. Friday, I did nothing special. Wrote Society letters, as indeed I have done almost every day since I have been here. As Saturday was a most lovely day, the Dr carried Mary out for the first time. I went to & we had a good ride. We then came home & left Mary & I went with the Dr & called on Miss Dennys & for a minute at Mrs Herrick's. I wrote to Caroline in the afternoon and read Abolition papers. The Emancipator dealt with Van Buren properly. Sunday, went to church all day. heard Mr Phelps. Mr Herrick called up and staid to tea. Just as dark "blowd up with spunking" came Mr Grosvenor to debate the question with Mr Phelps "which was the greatest evil Slavery or Intemperance?" "Pity some of the Weymouth folks had not been here, for I think they must have settled the matter by this time. It was thought that Mr P. brought up the subject in order to rather put down Slavery as he took the ground that Intemperance was the worst. He rather had the advantage of Mr Grosvenor

When in Boston the Dr went to see Hallett & told him that if the democrats opposed abolition they would to a certainty lose the State next fall. Ritner of Penn is to be put up for the next President. The Dr acts very well with regard to D. R. George is to learn the piece the Emancipator denouncing him to speak at the Academy.

Mr Phelps is really quite a smart man. Monday was a pouring rain all day. Nevertheless as the discussion had been continued to the next day or rather evening off the Dr & I started. Mrs Grosvenor had gone before, having been invited to take tea at Mrs Ruggs. I wrapped up in 2 cloaks & did not take cold. But a few people only were present. Mr G did very much better than he did the night before. Yes- day, was bright. Mr G went to Westford for his waggon, but got back to tea. Miss Jennys came & spent the evening here. Wednesday, Mr G left here to go to Rutland where his wife is. Bro Grosvenor is an agreeable sort of a man, fond of his female brethren I imagine, but on the whole quite a good man. Just at noon, the Dr received a letter from Stanton inviting him very strongly to come down to Boston & see about getting those Resolutions th the Legislature. It was written very strongly. The Dr however seemed to doubt about going. I told him that if he went I would pack & go too. He said no, but on the whole, seemed to conclude not to go himself. I sat down to write Society letters; in the course of half an hour, the Dr opened the door, bade me good afternoon, & run out of the house & jumped in the stage. I had not even time to give him a message. I felt mad. If I had followed my own mind, I should have gone down in the stage the next day; this I thought however would look like so much temper that I restrained myself. The next day, Thursday I had letters from you & Caroline. Caroline sent up for "Marie"; in her letter she told me nothing as she wrote in haste, only that I must write the note to Stanton. I, by the way, wrote to Ann Chapman, telling her to give the slippers herself & write the note to Stanton just as seemed to her good. I said for my part in my note what were my own feelings. I don't think that I have cast in my all. If Ann has, I do not wish to diminish her credit, but I do not feel as if I had done all that I could; at least I have made so few sacrifices that I did not feel disposed to write any thing stronger than I did. I was very sorry to hear that you had been sick and glad again to hear that you were ~~ill~~ better. I heard from Caroline that you wrote to her about my taking the Fa ta. Monitor, as I call Miss Buffum's letter, to Groton & finally that you made her answer it. I must say that I should think you would be ashamed to write one letter in the course. I should like it very well, if I could take Henry Lee's place, though to tell the honest truth, I do not like keeping school. But if I must, why, certainly I had rather be with you than any where else. I am sorry that Henry Lee is going into the Episcopal church. Were I you, I would dissuade him. I approve your decision of going to The Mansion House. I think you will like there quite as well as at Mr Bents. You will sit at the receipt of custom, & hear every thing that is going on. I shall certainly come to N. B & stay a week this summer and shall like coming to the mansion house extremely well. I shall be sorry to have Abby leave, for I know you will miss her. ~~to to the~~

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